


Remarks

This is in response to the Examiner's action mailed December 22, 2003. In that action the Examiner rejected claims 1 through 11, 14, 15, and 18 and objected to claims 12, 13, 16, and 17. The applicants have amended the claims in response to the Examiner's rejection.

The Examiner objected to claims 12, 13, 16, and 17 as containing allowable subject matter but dependent on rejected base claims. Claims 12, 13, 16, and 17 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations formerly in these dependent claims. The remaining claims have been canceled. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow all of the claims remaining in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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